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SUBJECT: TRANSLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS AND
POSTING ON EMBASSY WEBSITES

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1. Embassy The Hague has regularly posted the Human Rights, Religious Freedom and Trafficking in Persons reports on the embassy web site and alerted key contacts to their existence. We have not, however, translated the reports into Dutch given the extraordinarily high proficiency in English. According to the government, 75 percent of Dutch know English; this is particularly true among likely consumers of the report. We, therefore, judged it not necessary to translate the referenced documents into Dutch. For the record, translating only selected excerpts, the summaries, best practices and Netherlands-related sections would cost a total of 1,620 Euros (\$1,975.61 USD).

2. The Embassy has made the link to these reports more direct (one click from the first page of the website) and will continue to review ways of disseminating these reports to key contacts and audiences.
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